GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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REVIEW OF CRF NORMS
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) Whether Union Government has received any proposal from the State Government of Karnataka for review of norms of expenditure, increase in the compensation and inclusion of certain other items under Calamity Relief Fund (CRF);

(b) If so, the details thereof;

(c) Whether the Union Government has constituted an expert committee to examine such requests;

(d) If so, whether the expert committee has submitted its recommendations;

(e) If so, the details thereof; and

(f) The time by which final decision in this regard is likely to be taken?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY)

(a) to (f): An Expert Group has been set up in the Ministry of Home Affairs to comprehensively review the existing items and norms of expenditure for assistance from Calamity Relief Fund (CRF)/National Calamity Contingency Fund (NCCF) and formulate the norms for newly added calamities in the approved list of natural calamities. The Expert Group, in order to have a wider cross section of opinion on board, have sought suggestions from all the State Governments, including Government of Karnataka and concerned Central Ministries/Departments. The issues proposed by the State Governments and Central Ministries/Departments have been considered by the Expert Group. The Group has since submitted its report and it has been considered by the Government of India in the Ministries of Home Affairs, Finance as well as National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA). The proposal of revision of items and norms of assistance from CRF/NCCF is now being placed before the High Level Committee (HLC) for its consideration and approval. Thereafter, the revised items and norms, as approved by the HLC, will be notified and circulated to the States and the concerned Central Ministries/Departments/Organisations.